



Nazareth PROJECT, INC.

Partnering with Nazareth Hospital and School of Nursing

Fall Update, September 2018

Nazareth Hospital celebrates the Third Anniversary of Nazareth’s Cardiac Catheterization Lab



Left: Dr. Akram Abul Ful; Right: Dr. Elias George Hilou



Above, from left: Two of the ICU nurses and one of the Cath Lab technicians who received recognition awards.

Through the years, the Nazareth Hospital has based the development of new services on the needs of the community it serves. According to national statistics in Israel, the second highest cause of death is heart disease, with a higher rate of occurrence among Arabs. Nazareth is home to the largest Arab population within Israel.

Through your support, Nazareth Project Inc. (NPI) was able to win and administer a \$500,000 USAID grant to purchase equipment for Nazareth’s first and only Catheterization Lab.

Lab Director, Dr. Akram Abul Ful, describes the uniqueness of the lab at Nazareth Hospital, “Unlike other hospitals, we perform catheterization interventions in veins located beyond the heart area such as the lower limbs and the upper limbs, the aortic vein and the carotid artery. In cooperation with the medical team from the vascular surgery unit, these interventions are performed here in the Catheterization Lab.”

Dr. Elias George Hilou was born at Nazareth Hospital. Today he serves as a specialist in the new unit. “If this service had been available in Nazareth when my father fell ill, our family would be in a different place today.”

**Matching Challenge through
November 30th**

**A Family Foundation
has offered to match your
donations up to \$25,000.**

**Please make your tax-deductible
gift to NPI today!**

**You can make your online contribution through
NazarethProject.org or mail a check payable to NPI.**

Save the Date!

March 8 – 19, 2019

**Help support the work of
healing and reconciliation.**

Bicycle. Hike. Tour.

See page 2 for details.

Stay tuned: NPI plans to sponsor a 10-day tour to Israel in March 2020 that will include visits to Nazareth Hospital, School of Nursing, Nazareth Village and lots of historic and religious sites in the Galilee region, West Bank and Jerusalem.

Update from our Executive Director

Since becoming the director of NPI a year ago, I have clearly seen that many loyal supporters of our mission are those who have had the opportunity to spend some time in Nazareth. Hands-on involvement at Nazareth Hospital and School of Nursing builds strong awareness of the services they provide and challenges facing them.

NPI's primary activities are to identify financial support and facilitate exchanges with these historic Arab institutions in northern Israel.

On Page 1 we highlight the Heart Catheterization Unit which opened in 2014 with substantial funding facilitated by NPI. Today we are raising financial support for a new Stroke Unit and recently we forwarded equipment funds for the expanded Pediatrics Department.

We offer numerous opportunities to experience Nazareth and other parts of Israel. An important opportunity is the **SERVE Nazareth** program where volunteers – individuals or groups – spend from one week to one year serving in the Hospital, Nazareth Village or other local ministries. David Jost and Sophie Lapp of Goshen, IN, have just begun a year of service there – see the note on page 3.

Another great opportunity for engagement is the “Jesus Trail” hike or the “Cycle the Three Seas” bike ride on an NPI-sponsored tour of Israel – see the sidebar.

I invite you, your family, friends, or colleagues to consider these opportunities to experience the Holy Land and to explore the region where Jesus grew up. If you can't go will you help someone else to?

Your financial and prayer support helps to strengthen the healing and teaching ministries of Nazareth Hospital and School of Nursing. Thanks for your support of the Stroke Unit campaign. **I invite you to give toward the current \$25,000 match challenge and the November Extraordinary Give campaign. Thank you!**

—Howard Good



Bike Ride: 2018

Nazareth Challenge

March 8 – 19, 2019

Nazareth Project (NPI) is arranging group travel and three days of touring in conjunction with the “Jesus Trail” hike and the “Cycle the Three Seas” bike ride sponsored by Nazareth Trust. The NPI travel and tour package will include roundtrip travel from JFK to Tel Aviv, touring in northern Israel and in Jerusalem, visiting Nazareth Hospital and School of Nursing and participation in the 5-day bike ride or hike.

Bike riders and hikers will experience Israel close to the ground and leave with lifetime memories. The **40-mile Jesus Trail** is a challenging hike through beautiful terrain, retracing the steps of Jesus from Nazareth to Cana, Arbel, Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum.

The **220-mile off-road bike ride** starts at the Mediterranean Sea and riders will experience some of Israel's most stunning landscapes as they ride to the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee before the final climb to Nazareth.



Jesus Trail Hike: 2018

The travel and tour package cost is \$2,280 per person, based on two persons sharing a double room and a tour group of 22 people. The cost for the hike is \$550 and for the bike ride is \$1150.

The annual “Nazareth Challenge” hike and bike ride raises funds for the Nazareth Hospital.

Recommended fundraising for hikers is \$1,400 and for riders is \$2,800. NPI will furnish charitable receipts for all funds raised.

More details at NazarethProject.org/events



SERVE Nazareth: Pray for **Sophie Lapp** and **David Jost** as they minister with SERVE Nazareth for one year, visiting hospital patients, teaching English, planning worship, and assisting with fundraising and communication.

Week of Health and Healing

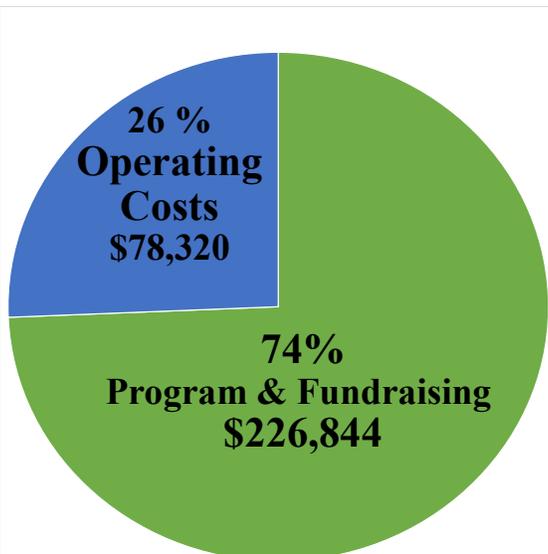


In fall, 2017, visiting pastors and counselors from Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, UK, focused on pastoral care for hospital staff as well as patients.

As part of their commitment to further integration of both clinical and spiritual dimensions of healthcare, the leadership of Nazareth Trust is planning its second annual “week of health and healing” for Nov 25-30, 2018.

In 2017, the event was led by a team from Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, UK. Joined by local ministers and former EMMS Nazareth medical staff, the team led in teaching, prayer, worship, opportunities for personal sharing and prayer ministry. Facilitator, Rev. Paul Deeming, said, **“Healing is often about sharing the journey with others and allowing Jesus to be at the heart of the situation and to minister His grace.”** Paul worked as chaplain at a Christian Hospital in Pakistan for ten years. “God is present and is at work even though we may not realize it. We know that the light of His love and grace will continue to break through in all the care that is offered. We praise God for the evidence of the Lord’s healing and reconciling love at work in Nazareth.”

Thank you to the United Service Foundation for the generous grant that has made possible several upgrades at NPI. During the past six months we have upgraded our database and are currently creating a new website which will be similar to the sites of Nazareth Trust. The new database helps our staff to communicate more effectively with you our supporters and has helped us to save staff time by streamlining financial accounting and data entry.



**NPI Expenses by Category:
Fiscal Year 2018**



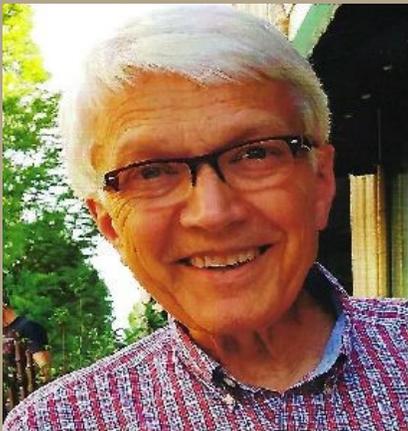
One way NPI has supported the integration of spiritual healing and clinical practice is through our sponsorship of Nazareth Hospital staff to attend courses at the Center for Conflict Transformation at EMU in Harrisonburg, VA. Midwife Johaina Talhami (above right) was a participant in this exchange.



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Berry Friesen, 1948-2018

Why I support NPI

“Because it is a leading health care provider for the minority Israeli Arabs, because it is a leading developer of Israeli Palestinian & Arab professional leadership, because it is providing medical services to Palestinians, because it is run by Israeli Arabs, because it is a clear Christian witness and bears a Christian identity.” —Berry Friesen

NPI board, staff, supporters and friends mourn Berry’s death. During his two years as a board member and NPI executive director, he brought excellent insights and passion to our important healing and justice ministries in northern Israel. Berry was a lifelong social justice advocate, friend, and encourager to so many. He is deeply missed.

Mark your calendars for November 16, 2018! Nazareth Project plans to participate in the Extraordinary Give.

Support NPI that day and help us qualify for additional funds from a stretch pool of more than \$500,000. Go to www.extragive.org

THE EXTRAORDINARY GIVE™

